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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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REF: STATE 108860; STATE 102712

MRS. JEAN SMITH, PM'OFFICE, INFORMED. MRS. ELAINE
MELBOURNE, API, COORDINATING GROUP FGY TRIP. FOLLOWING
ARE NAMES OF ADDITIONAL NINE PERFORMERS, WITH AGES, SEX
AND SKILLS.

KUMINA GROUP: BERTRAM KELLY - 45 -MALE-DRUMMER, SINGER,
DANCER

MAUREEN ELLIS -35-FEMALE-SINGER
CLIFFORD FLEMMINGS-70-MALE-DRUMMER, SINGER, DANCER (ON ORIGINAL
LIST).
ALL AGES ARE APPROXIMATE, PERFORMERS UNSURE OF BIRTHDATES.
MENTO BAND-ALL MEMBERS ARE ON ORIGINAL LIST SUGGESTED
TO DR GOINES

THEODORE MILLER -45-MALE-VIOLIN
JOCELYN POWERR-50'S-MALE-DRUMMER
GERALD MILLER-50'S-MALE-THUMB PIANO
ADAM ROACH-50'S-MALE-BANJO-GUITAR
JOSPEH SALMON-50'S-MALE-DRUMMER, COW HORN

MENTO BAND PLAYS SECURLAR, MENTO, QUADRILLE AND REGGAE, (LOCAL
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POP). COOK: CELESTE ROBINSON-LATE20'S-FEMALE-SPECIALTY-CASSAVA

CAKES, DUMPLINGS, USSA

ATTEMPTING TO GET TAPES FROM JAMAICA SCHOOL OF MUSIC. UNDER-
STAND DR. GOINES HAS SOME PHOTOS AND PERHAPS TAPES. WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION

OLIVE LEWIN HAS INFORMED POST THAT KUMINA HAS WEST AFRICAN ORIGINS,
MENTO GRUP MUSIC ORIGINS, ASHANTI-GHANA. MENTO BAND INSTRUMENTS
LISTED ABOVE. DRUMS ARE ARAWAK INDIAN ORIGIN

MRS. IMOGINE KENNEDY IS ON ORIGINAL AND SHORT LIST IS "QUEEN"
OR LEADER OF KUMINA. GROUP TRADITIONALLY PERFORMS IN A CIRCLE
AS DO MAROON MUSICIANS

NOTE THAT MISS CLAUDIA NELSON ON LIST OF 15, IS BASKETWEAVER.
SHE IS IN LATE 20'S. CARVER IS YET TO BE CHOSEN BUT WILL INFORM
ASAP.

ADDITIONAL NINE NOW MAKES 24 PERFORMERS, PLUS MRS
PEGGY WARMINGTON, CHAPERONE, AGE 40. GERARD

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